

# Protests

See rule 4.19 in the Little League green book for the official interpretation of protests.

Managers can protest when the manager and umpire do not agree on the interpretation of a rule, the use of an ineligible pitcher, or the use of an ineligible player. No judgement call can be protested. Protesting ineligible pitchers and players must be made before the umpires have left the field.

For AAA, all protests must be settled before the next pitch. Contact the UIC or available board member for a ruling. A list of board members is available in the scorer's booth.

For Majors, protests will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the UIC, player agent, and other board members.

## The steps of a protest

- The manager asks for and is granted time.
- The manager approaches the umpire who made the ruling in question and states the game is being played under protest.
- The umpire shall consult with the other umpire(s) on the interpretation of the rule. If the umpire is convinced the interpretation of the rule is correct, he/she will announce the game is being played under protest. Otherwise, the umpire reverses the call and the protest is cancelled.
- The score keeper marks the point in the game at which the protest is made.
- The game proceeds. If the protesting team wins, the protest is dropped. If the protesting team loses, and wishes to pursue the protest, the manager must submit, in writing (or e-mail), the protest, stating the facts and rule in question, to the league president within 24 hours. The UIC of the game (usually the plate umpire) will submit a report to the league UIC and president immediately after the game.
- A committee of board members, league UIC, and player agent will meet and rule on the protest. If upheld, the game will be resumed from the point of the protest.

When submitting a protest to the president and league UIC, please state the situation, facts, and rule(s) applied.